

2005 CAP Scholarship Program Information

Free money for school and flying! It doesn't get any simpler than that! Each year, Civil Air Patrol provides more than \$200,000 worth of academic and flight scholarships to deserving cadets and seniors who meet eligibility requirements.

Members may track their application's status online on the Cadet Programs scholarship page at www.cap.gov. Applications will still be accepted via U.S. Mail, as that remains the best way to send test scores, letters of reference, etc. However the online system was a resounding success last year. Some of the benefits are:

- ✓ **User-friendly** — Members may check their application's status to see when it was received and note whether it is complete or incomplete;

- ✓ **Manager-friendly** — Unit commanders and Cadet Program directors at every level may monitor applications from members in their units; and

- ✓ **Saves money** — By reducing the need to correspond with applicants via U.S. Mail, CAP saves money and provides better service, especially to members who change their mailing address.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following criteria applies to all scholarships, unless noted otherwise in the scholarship announcements that follow: Be a current CAP member; have earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award or attained the senior rating in the Cadet Programs Officer Specialty Track; possess and maintain an academic and discipline standard acceptable to the school; and be enrolled in a full-time course of study the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded.

BASIC APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The following application procedures apply to all scholarships, unless noted otherwise in the various scholarship descriptions listed in the announcements below.

Application Form — Submit a completed CAPF 95, Application for CAP Scholarship, to HQ CAP endorsed by the squadron and wing commander. Attach transcripts, test scores, etc., as specified on the reverse of the CAPF 95. To help ensure application materials remain together, send the application, transcripts, etc., as a single packet. Avoid sending to HQ CAP multiple mailings, if at all possible.

When applying for multiple scholarships, submit a completed CAPF 95 and required supporting documents for each. In such cases, it is sufficient to send photocopies of official transcripts, provided the original transcripts are included with one of the application packages.

Deadline — Send application packages, postmarked by Jan. 31, 2005, to HQ CAP/LMPN, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 105 S. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application status — Upon receipt, HQ CAP reviews each application for completeness and notifies members of their application's status via the Web. About two weeks after mailing an application to HQ CAP, visit the CAP scholarship Web page to check the application's status. This page will indicate whether the application has been accepted as complete or what documents are needed to complete the application. The CAP scholarship page is located in the Cadet Programs section at www.cap.gov. No special

code is needed to for access, but applications are sorted by wing and CAPID (individual names are not listed).

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit all application materials on time and verify their application's status via the scholarship Web page. Members who do not have Web access in their home are encouraged to use a public library or friend's home. The scholarship Web page will also be used to announce scholarship winners by March 1, 2005. Checks will be mailed to each scholarship recipient's home by that same date.

Accountability — If requested, scholarship recipients must provide HQ CAP with a record of all academic work completed while on scholarship.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic scholarships are monetary awards used to support post-secondary education. Monies are sent directly to the recipient and are to be used for tuition, books or room and board. Scholarship recipients must ensure the money is used responsibly. Applicants may pursue any course of study.

The four types of academic scholarships offered are:

Undergraduate Scholarships — awarded to selected applicants who have completed less than 60 credit hours prior to the start of the fall semester in which the scholarship is awarded.

Advanced Undergraduate Scholarships — awarded to selected applicants who have completed at least 60 credit hours prior to the start of the fall semester in which the scholarship is awarded.

Graduate Scholarships — awarded to selected applicants who have or will have by the end of the academic year a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Technical/Vocational Scholarships — are awarded to selected applicants who will be attending a post-secondary trade, technical, or vocational school.

Special Eligibility Requirements

Special eligibility requirements as follows: Applicants must be a high school graduate or hold a GED; be accepted to a college/school or provide proof an application has been made; and attend an accredited post-secondary school or college.

Application Requirements

Attach the following to the CAPF 95 and forward to HQ CAP/LMPN:

1. Official high school or college transcripts for the past three years;
2. Scores on ACT/SAT college entrance exams (grad students may substitute MAT/GRE);
3. Statement of acceptance from an accredited college or university or proof application has been made;
4. Recent photo demonstrating proper wear of CAP uniform; and
5. No more than three letters of recommendation.

Selection Procedures

A scholarship committee selected by HQ CAP/LMPN will score the applications. The committee evaluates applicants in the following areas: Academic achievement, CAP accomplishments and activities, and extracurricular or community service activities. HQ CAP will announce scholarship winners by March 1, 2005, via the CAP scholarship Web page.

Special Awards

The top six applicants for academic scholarships, as scored by the scholarship committee, will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by USAA or Who's Who Among Ameri-

can High School Students in lieu of a CAP Corporate Scholarship of lesser value.

Auburn University Engineering

Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., may award a \$6,600 scholarship to a cadet who will major in fiber engineering, textile chemistry or textile management and technology at Auburn. The recipient would study in a department that performs research affecting aircraft structures, NASA satellites and other aerospace applications. "E-Tech" graduates are encouraged to apply.

To apply, follow the procedures listed earlier for academic scholarships and apply for admission to Auburn University. Thereafter, HQ CAP will provide additional information on how to complete special application procedures required by Auburn. For additional information about Auburn University and its Textile Engineering Department, visit www.auburn.edu and www.eng.auburn.edu/txen.

Spartan School of Aeronautics

Spartan School of Aeronautics offers up to 26 \$2,500 scholarships to CAP members enrolling in their program, which is located in Tulsa, OK. Senior members are also eligible to apply. To find out more about Spartan School of Aeronautics visit www.spartan.edu.

Dowling College School of Aviation

Dowling College annually sponsors one one-year scholarship (valued at \$8,000) and two one-year scholarships (valued at \$4,000) for CAP members who enroll in the Dowling College School of Aviation. This scholarship is also open to senior members. For more information about Dowling College, visit www.dowling.edu.

Embry-Riddle University Col. Louisa Spruance Morse Scholarships

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University makes three \$1,000 scholarships available to members who enroll at their university and have completed the first semester of AFROTC. See the Embry-Riddle AFROTC department for full details.

Do not apply for these scholarships through HQ CAP. This scholarship is also open to senior members.

Order of Daedalians Flight Scholarships

The Order of Daedalians, a national fraternity of military pilots, awards five \$2,100 flight scholarships in the name of former CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau to help deserving CAP cadets earn their FAA private pilot's license. (The scholarship may not be used to obtain additional ratings.)

Applicants who have earned their solo badge or graduated from an aerospace-related special activity are especially encouraged to apply.

Special eligibility requirements as follows: Be a current CAP cadet and aspiring military aviator; have earned the Mitchell Award; be at least 16, but not have turned 19 on June 1, 2005; possess vision 20/50 or better (corrected to 20/20); apply using CAPE 95 (younger cadets, who are unable to provide SAT/ACT scores or college information, should attach a short note of explanation); send completed application to HQ CAP/LMPN, postmarked by March 1, 2005.

Semifinalists will be required to participate in a telephone interview in March. HQ CAP screens and rank-orders the applications. The Daedalians make the final selection and announce their decision in May.

Scholarships are paid by reimbursing flight training expenses incurred between June 1, 2005, and May 31, 2006. All applicants will au-

tomatically be considered for a CAP General Aviation Flight Scholarship.

U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Scholarship

A \$1,500 college scholarship is automatically awarded in the name of the Air Force chief of staff to CAP's cadet of the year. For more information about the CAP Cadet of the Year Award, see CAPR 39-3.

Clara E. Livingston Cadet Scholarship

This \$3,000 educational scholarship — named after an aviation pioneer and CAP member during World War II and former Puerto Rico wing commander — is available only to Puerto Rico cadets (as stated in Colonel Livingston's will). For more details, contact the Puerto Rico Wing.

GENERAL AVIATION FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

CAP may offer General Aviation Flight Scholarships to help cadets attain a private pilot's license. The number of scholarships and award amount will depend on funds available. Applicants who have earned their solo badge or graduated from an aerospace-related special activity are especially encouraged to apply.

Special Eligibility Requirements

Special eligibility requirements are: Be a current CAP cadet; have earned the Mitchell award; be at least 16 on June 1, 2005; apply using CAPE 95. Younger cadets, who are unable to provide SAT/ACT scores or college information, should attach a short note of explanation; and send completed application to HQ CAP/LMPN, postmarked by March 1, 2005.

The Spaatz Association Aerospace Leadership Scholarship

The Spaatz Association annually sponsors scholarships to help CAP cadets advance their flight training from solo to private pilot. A limited amount of the scholarship may also be used to attend a CAP leadership activity.

Special eligibility requirements as follows: Be a current CAP cadet who has earned the Mitchell Award; have earned solo wings in a powered aircraft; maintain a 3.0 GPA (normalized); and have not been selected for a similar scholarship or grant.

For application procedures and deadlines, visit www.spaatz.org. While HQ CAP helps publicize this scholarship, it is funded by The Spaatz Association, which selects the scholarship recipients. **Apply directly to The Spaatz Association, not HQ CAP.**

U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School

Each year HQ CAP submits recommendations to the U.S. Air Force Academy for one cadet to attend the academy's preparatory school. The prep school's one-year program (valued at more than \$32,500) greatly increases a student's potential for admission to the academy. It is a fantastic opportunity for cadets who might not otherwise qualify for appointment.

In recent years, USAFA officials have exceeded their annual commitment of admitting one CAP cadet to the prep school. For each of the past few years, USAFA has selected a couple of cadets from among the HQ CAP recommendations to attend the academy, a couple of cadets to attend the prep school

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